GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:469
ANSWERED ON:23.04.2003
PROMOTION OF HINDI
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes organised abroad for promotion of Hindi during the last two years;

(b) whether any publicity programme is also organised abroad for promotion and use of Hindi;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the names of countries, where Hindi is taught in Universities/Schools and the assistance being provided by the Indian Missions ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the house.

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(a) to (d) The Ministry has taken several concrete steps during the year 2001-2002 & 2002-2003 for promotion and propagation of Hindi abroad. Twenty-nine Hindi teachers were appointed in Indian Missions abroad under a special scheme called 'Baal Hindi Kakshaa' to teach Hindi to children in Indian Embassies. During the years 2001-2003, fifteen Indian Missions abroad have been given financial grants to celebrate Hindi Diwas. Several Indian Missions/Posts organised Hindi Diwas by way of holding competitions and cultural programmes.

2. Standard Hindi learning material and literature on various subjects, such as Indian Culture, Art, Literature, Language, History and Philosophy, was sent to Indian Missions for their libraries and also for donating to educational institutions, temples and various voluntary organizations engaged in promotion and propagation of Hindi in the countries of their accreditation. Prominent Hindi magazines were also sent to Missions/Posts abroad. Teaching material, including textbooks, dictionaries, audio-visual cassettes, computer software, CD-ROM etc. were also sent on a regular basis.

3. In addition to these, four Regional Hindi Conferences have been held at Budapest (Hungary), Port of Spain (Trinidad & Tobago), Kathmandu (Nepal) and London (UK) with the assistance and cooperation of the Ministry. Hindi officers, as AttachÃ© (Hindi) / Second Secretary (Hindi), have also been posted in six countries, namely, Mauritius, Fiji, Trinidad & Tobago, UK, Nepal and Suriname. They have been liaising with different groups, organisations and scholars in order to propagate Hindi among them.

4. With the increasing awareness of Hindi in many countries, several foreign Universities/ institutions have incorporated Hindi as a subject in their departments. A country-wise list of such Universities/ institutions is enclosed herewith.

ENCLOSURE TO THE STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE WITH REFERENCE TO THE ANSWER (a) TC
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Name of the Country	University INSTITUTIONS/Schools	OrganisationS/ NGOs
1. Finland	Helsinki Univ.	
2. Thailand	Thammasat Univ, Silpakorn Univ. Burapha Univ. New International School of Thailand, Thai Sikh international school,Bangkok.	
3. Canada	Univ of British Columbia, Ottawa Carleton Distt. School Board Univ.of Calgary,Concordia Univ, Univ. of Guelph,	

	Univ.of Manitoba,Univ.of Regina, Mc. Master Univ.	
4. Bulgaria	Sofia Univ.	Indira Gandhi School, Sofia.
5. Austria	Brigittenau Volksschole/Viena Intl. School	
6. Vietnam	Ho. Chi Minh City Univ.	Hindi School No. 19,
7 Russian Federation	Moscow State Univ. Peoples'Friendship University, Moscow, Humanities University, Moscow, Far Eastern National University, Vladivostok	Moscow, Moscow State Institute of Intl. Relations, Instt. Of Asia & Africa, Instt. Of Oriental Studies, Moscow, Instt. Of Phliosophy, Moscow, Humanitarian Christian Instt., St Petersberg, Istt. Of Oriental Studies, St. Petersberg, School No. 7, Vladivostok
8. Italy	Univ of Rome, Univ of Venice, Univ of Milan	Italian Instt. For Africa & the Orient, Oriental Instt. Of Neples.
9. Poland	Warsaw Univ. Univ. Krakowadam Miciewicz Univ.	Tagiellonian
10. U.S.A.	Univ. of Texas, Houston, Atlanta, Berkley, Stanford Univ.	
11. Saudi Arabia	From LKG to XII standard in Seven Indian schools	
12. UAE	In large number of schools.	
13.Germany	Univ. of Mainz, Univ. of Bonn. Univ. of Heidelberg,	Deutshsche Indische Cuture Institute Frankfurt, S.K. Lugani Manawa Bharati
14. Ukraine	Tara Shevchenko National Univ. Kiev, Languages (Secondary school). Oriyana Kinder Garten school.	Kiev Gymnasium of Oriental and Law Institute of Linguistics
15. Croatia	Zagreb Univ.	
16.Kingston Jamaica	Schools in Kingston.	
17. Ethiopia	Indian National School, Addis Ababa	
18. Fiji	Univ. of South Pacific	In 400 schools
19. Israel	Tel Aviv Univ., Hebrew Univ. Jerusalem.	
20. Chile	Santiago Univ.	

21. Yemen Senior Secondary level

22. Trinidad & Tobago. Univ. of West Indies. 21 govt. schools in Trinidad

23. Tajikistan TSNU Dushanbe

24. Mauritius University of Mauritius. Primary/ Secondary schools. Mahatma Gandhi Institute

25. Kazakhstan Kazakh State Univ. of Al Farabi, Almati Indian Culture Center conducts Hindi classes.

26. Singapore Schools Singapore Hindi Society and DAV Hindi school.

27. Bhutan (Thimpu) Schools

28. Japan Tokyo Institute of Foreign Studies, Univ. of Tokyo, Osaka Univ. of Foreign Studies.

29. Armenia Yerewan State Univ. and Acharian Univ. yerewan. Institute of Oriental Studies of the Georgian Academy of Sciences, Tbilisi

30. Czech Republic Charles Univ. in the Deptt. of Indology.

31. UK Oxford Univ. Schools in Birmingham

32. Hungary ELTE Univ., Dept. of Indo-European Studies.

33. Australia Univ. of Sydney.

34. Sri Lanka Sabragamuva Univ.

35. S. Korea Hankuk Univ, Busan Univ. of Foreign Studies

36. Mexico Colegio de Mexico in Mexico City

37. S. Africa Islamia Primary school. Local schools in Cape Town, Durban Hindi Siksha Sangh

38. China Beijing Univ., Dept. of Foreign Languages

39. Germany Ludwig Maximilians Univ, Munich, Local schools Hindi Siksha Sangh.

	Eberhard Karls Univ, Tubingen,		
	Univ. of Heidelberg		
40. Norway	Deptt. Of East European Oriental Studies, Univ. of Oslo.	8	
41. Spain	Univ. of Madrid (basic course)		
42.Indonesia	Udayan Univ. (Jakarta)	Gandhi International School, DPS, Rama International School	
43. Estonia	Estonian Institute of Humanities, Tallinin, Univ. of Tartu		
44. Uzbekistan	3 Junior colleges, 2 Universities, 1 research Institute,	Four schools	
45.Botswana	Tow Schools in Gaborone and Maun.		
46. Kuwait	11 schools in Kuwait.		
47. France	Institute Nationale Des Langues Et Civilisations Orientales	Upto 12th standard in International school of Paris"	
48.Malysia	Hindi school Kualalumpur		
49. Nigeria	Indian Languages school in Lagos		
50. Guyana	Guyana Hindi Prachar Sabha, Guyana Hindi Dharmik Sabha		